opportunities for disabled people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Information has been called for from the Government of Maharashtra

Ambedkar Villages in the country

2845. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected villages in the country for declaring them as Ambedkar villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether infrastructure facilities have been fully provided to these villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds provided for the development thereof during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Welfare Schemes for Orissa

2846. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different Welfare Schemes implemented/being implemented in the State of Orissa by his Ministry; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and till now, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement showing the schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the State of Orissa together with funds released for their implementation during the last three years is annexed (*See below*). Funds are not allocated district-wise by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Statement

Schemes/programmes implemented in the State of Orissa together with details of funds released in the last 3 years

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes	Amount released during the year		
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Welfare of Scheduled Castes			
1.	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan to Scheduled Castes	1311.82	1265.07	1925.47
2.	Assistance to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporation	96.05	96.07	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3.	National Schemes of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers & their dependents	256.00	196.00	107.00
4.	Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST students	741.29	531.43	47.16
5.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations	2.48	11.65	—
6.	Construction of Hostel for SC girls	49.59	40.00	—
7.	Construction of Hostel for SC boys	25.29	—	30.00
8.	Book Banks for SC/ST students	11.01	5.00	5.00
9.	Implementation of PCR & Atrocities Acts.	5.00	5.00	—
10.	Grant in Aid to Voluntary Organisations	62.99	76.63	92.72
Welfare of Schedule Tribes				
1.	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan	4958.10	4411.44	5576.27
2.	Article 275(1)	771.00	771.00	657.00
3.	Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary organisations	70.64	73.35	87.08
4.	Girls Hostels for STs	65.93	50.00	45.00
5.	Boys Hostels for STs	46.62	40.00	35.00
6.	Ashram Schools in TSP areas	70.00	60.00	50.00
7.	Vocational training centre	—	—	40.00
8.	Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for ST girls	68.67	37.42	59.38
9.	Research & Training	12.90	6.70	7.86
10.	Grant-in-aid to State TDCCs	—	135.00	100.00
11.	Village Grain Bank	—	20.48	—
Welfare of Disabled Persons				
1.	Schemes of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled Rehabilitation of Leprosy cured persons, establishment of special school for Handicapped children & Voluntary Organisations for persons with cerebral palsy & mental retardation	45.53	39.56	56.09
2.	Assistance to Disabled persons for purchase/ fitting of Aids & Appliances	13.47	6.00	10.00
Social Defence				
1.	Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for programmes relating to Aged	69.94	73.25	67.46
2.	Schemes for the Welfare of Street Children	6.76	—	5.67
3.	Prevention & Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment	—	14.79	—
4.	Scheme for Prohibition & Drug Abuse Prevention	60.20	37.27	61.52
5.	Shishu Greh Schemes	9.52	6.60	10.43

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Welfare of Minorities			
1.	Pre-examination coaching for weaker sections based on economic criteria	55.53	2.19	3.92

Atrocities Against Women in Rajasthan

2847. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent study report of the Akhil Bharatiya Janawadi Mahila Samiti about sharp increase in cases of atrocities against women in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Rehabilitation and Training of Scavenger Families

2848. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scavenger families identified in all the districts of the country and the details of schemes and programmes formulated by Government for their rehabilitation and training;

(b) the details of Central assistance provided by Government during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) what is Central Government's policy in the said matter; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) 5,77,228 scavenger families have been identified so far in the country. National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers was launched in March, 1992. Main components of this scheme are:—

1. Time bound programme for identification of scavengers and their dependents and their aptitude for alternative trade through a survey.
2. Training in identified trades for scavengers and their dependents at the nearest local training institutions/centres of various departments of State Governments, Central Government and other semi-Government and non-Government organisations.
3. Rehabilitation of scavengers in various trades and occupations by providing subsidy, margin money loan and bank loan.

(b) During 1997-98 (first year of Ninth five Year Plan) Rs. 90.00 Crores was provided as Central Assistance.

(c) Central Government's policy in the matter is to completely eradicate the practice of manual scavenging by the end of the IXth Five Year Plan.

(d) The Government has incorporated a National Safai Karamcharies Finance and Development Corporation to assist scavengers alongwith Safai Karamcharies by providing loan assistance at concessional rate to take up projects as per lending guidelines of this Corporation. Besides, as referred to in reply to part (a), a National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of scavengers is also in operation since March, 1992. The Government have also set up a Statutory National Commission for Safair Karamcharies.